## CERTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY RULES FILED WITH LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE SERVICE JERRY L. BASSETT, DIRECTOR

Pursuant to Code of Alabama 1975, \$\$41-22-5(b) and 41-22-6(c)(2)a. and b.

I certify that the attached emergency rule is a correct copy as promulgated and adopted on the 17th day of July, 2015.

AGENCY NAME: Secretary of State

RULE NO. AND TITLE: 820-2-10-.22ER Delivery Of Printed Ballots And Preparation Of Electronic Ballot Transmission System for the City of Montgomery.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF RULE: July 17, 2015.

EXPIRATION DATE (If less than 120 days):

NATURE OF EMERGENCY: This emergency rule is necessary to ensure the delivery of printed ballots and to prepare the electronic ballot transmission system for overseas voters voting in the Montgomery Municipal Election to be held on August 25, 2015, and Municipal Runoff Election to be held on October 6, 2015. The aforesaid election has been selected by the Secretary of State, in cooperation and with the approval of the City of Montgomery, to serve as a pilot project regarding the transmittal of blank absentee ballots and electronic return of the voted absentee ballots in preparation for the 2016 election cycle.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: <u>Code of Ala. 1975</u>, §§17-11-40 et seq., 17-11-12.

SUBJECT OF RULE TO BE ADOPTED ON PERMANENT BASIS YES X NO

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## OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

820-2-10-.22ER <u>Delivery Of Printed Ballots And Preparation Of Electronic Ballot Transmission System for the City of Montgomery.</u>

- (1) The municipal clerk shall prepare and print the absentee ballots for overseas voters for the 2015 municipal election and, if necessary, municipal runoff election in the City of Montgomery.
- (2) Pursuant to <u>Code of Ala. 1975</u>, Section 17-11-12, the officer charged with the printing and distribution of the official ballots for the City of Montgomery shall deliver the absentee ballots to the absentee election manager not more than seven days after the last day to qualify as a candidate in a municipal election and not more than 14 days after the first election in the case of a municipal runoff election.
- (3) The officer charged with the printing and distribution of the official ballots for the City of Montgomery shall provide to the Secretary of State as soon as practicable after the close of qualifying, or in the case of a runoff election, after the certification of candidates, the necessary documentation for each ballot style to be used in the municipal election or municipal runoff election, including ballot proofs, for use in creating electronic ballots to be incorporated into the blank electronic ballot transmission system developed by the Secretary of State.
- (4) The Secretary of State shall prepare the electronic ballot transmission system so that it has the capacity to issue electronic ballots beginning no more than seven days after the last day to qualify as a candidate in a municipal election and not more than 14 days after the first election in the case of a municipal runoff election.

Author: Edward Packard, Jean Brown, William Sutton. Statutory Authority: Code of Ala. 1975, §§17-11-40 et seq., 17-11-12.

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